

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on February 1, 2017 at 8:00 AM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Flynn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Zach Brown (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)
Rep. Steve Lavin (R)
Rep. James O'Hara (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Kerry White (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Ehli

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Margot Miltenberger, Committee Secretary
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 249, 1/27/2017; HB 330, 1/27/2017; SB 10, 1/27/2017; SB 53,
1/27/2017

HEARING ON SB 10**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:48 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 10, Repeal the refundable income tax credit relief multiple.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:03:02 Rep. Redfield

00:03:22 Rep. Fern

00:03:53 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:04:56 Sen. Blasdel

HEARING ON HB 330**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:46 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 330, Revise individual income tax brackets.

Proponents:

00:10:47 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

EXHIBIT(tah23a01)

00:14:50 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

00:17:16 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

00:19:56 Abbigail Belcher, Associated Students of the University of Montana

00:20:49 Susan Austed, Self

00:24:03 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

00:25:35 Jules Shindel, Montana Human Rights Network

Opponents:

00:26:19 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

00:34:42 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

00:37:28 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Businesses

Informational Witnesses:

00:38:45 Dan Dodds, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:00 Rep. G. Hertz

00:39:46 Rep. A. Hertz

00:40:35 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC

00:41:15 Rep. Redfield

00:41:37 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

00:41:50 Rep. Beard
00:42:35 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
00:43:36 Rep. Hamilton
00:44:03 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
00:45:21 Rep. Hamilton
00:45:32 Dan Dodds, DOR
00:47:32 Chair Essmann
00:48:11 Rep. Flynn
00:48:41 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:48:49 Rep. Flynn
00:49:11 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association
00:49:36 Rep. Dunwell
00:53:08 Dan Dodds, DOR
00:53:26 Rep. Jacobson
00:54:24 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
00:55:04 Rep. G. Hertz
00:57:45 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
00:58:41 Rep. G. Hertz
01:00:02 Dan Dodds, DOR
01:01:43 Rep. Hamilton
01:04:08 Dan Dodds, DOR
01:05:21 Rep. Kipp III
01:09:02 Bridger Mahlum, MCC
01:10:17 Rep. G. Hertz
01:10:34 Rep. Abbott
01:10:59 Chair Essmann
01:12:29 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
01:14:10 Rep. G. Hertz
01:15:43 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC

Closing by Sponsor:

01:16:17 Rep. Abbott

Committee Business:

01:18:27 Rep. Z. Brown

01:19:14 Recessed

01:28:59 Reconvened

HEARING ON SB 53**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:29:19 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 53, Repeal biodiesel production incentive.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:31:29 Sen. L. Jones

01:31:54 Recessed

01:35:33 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 249**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:35:46 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 249, Tax deduction for employers for employee student loan reimbursements.

Proponents:

01:41:51 Andy Bixler, Montana Associated Students

01:43:32 Abbigail Belcher, Associated Students of the University of Montana

01:44:45 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association

01:46:40 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce

01:49:25 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

01:53:42 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

Opponents:

01:55:13 Eric Burke, MEA-MFT

Informational Witnesses: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:56:44 Rep. White

02:01:13 Rep. Dudik

02:01:29 Rep. Beard

02:02:37 Rep. Dudik

02:03:03 Rep. Fern

02:03:24 Rep. Dudik

02:03:46 Rep. G. Hertz

02:04:24 Rep. Dudik

02:04:55 Chair Essmann

02:05:20 Rep. Dudik

02:05:39 Rep. Flynn

02:07:19 Rep. Dudik

02:08:06 Rep. G. Hertz

02:08:27 Rep. Dudik

Closing by Sponsor:

02:08:41 Rep. Dudik

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:10:57

Margot Miltenberger, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([tah23aad.pdf](#))